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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED] 25X1  
 TOPIC Spremberg KVP Post 616867

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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1. From 4 November 1953 to 12 January 1954, the former Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg still quartered an estimated 1,800 KVPs wearing blue, red and black service colors. No regular service of the troops was observed inside or outside the barracks installation. Groups of up to 60 men occasionally received combat training, and two or three tanks, presumably T-34 models, sometimes were on cross-country drives near the installation. Fifteen first sergeants were identified among the troops. [REDACTED] about 150 tanks were in the installation. They had arrived at night in mid-October 1953. [REDACTED] officers of various branches of service attended a course of instruction held in the installation to train cadre personnel. The construction of the low buildings in the barracks area was almost completed prior to early January 1954. 25X1

2. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included

Trucks

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Sedans

Jeeps

Bus

Tank car

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3. [REDACTED] the 'officers' billets formerly occupied by Soviets and later turned over to KVP officers were scheduled again to be 25X1

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vacated in order to quarter Soviet instructors for the KVP. Twelve apartments in Spremberg and 30 apartments in Welzow were also scheduled to be vacated for Soviet officers and their dependants. Transfers in Spremberg on 3 January 1954 included the move of 12 Soviet families to a house opposite the district council building in which office rooms were vacated; the move of the Soviet komendatura to a house at the rear of the castle on the way to the Schwanenteich, which had housed offices of the district council; and the move of the VP to the former revenue office which had housed the Soviet komendatura. The komendatura, the Volkspolizei and the district council were thus quartered closely together.

Comment. The Medium Tank Regt, the Hv Tank SP Regt and the Tank Instr Bn of the Dresden Mecz Div are carried in Spremberg. It is unknown where the 150 tanks which allegedly arrived in October came from. In the summer of 1953, the then Tank Instruction Regiment in Spremberg had available about 80 tanks and SP guns. [redacted] the number of tanks was raised to about 230 in November 1953. At the same time, the three tank units stationed at Spremberg totalled about 1,600 men.

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